

## MISSIONARY MOVEMENT IN HAWAII REVIEWED IN HISTORICAL ADDRESS

These Men, According To Reverend Mr. Oleson, Founded Powerful Mission Board

CHURCHES WILL CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Services Yesterday Morning In Central Union Edifice Were of Unusual Interest

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SPECIAL services at Central Union Church yesterday morning, in honor of what is known as Hawaiian Mission Board Day, was marked by a specially prepared program, in which great interest was taken by a large congregation.

Rev. William Brewster Oleson, superintendent of the board, had been especially invited to deliver the sermon, and to speak on the subject of "Clearing the Way for the Future." In his address, which is given in full, he reviews the entire history of the movement from the arrival of the first missionaries in Hawaii nearly a century ago.

### Regular Annual Observance

Central Union Church, which is responsible for the founding of the present mission board, has designated the Sunday before Christmas Sunday of each year as the day on which the annual report of the work of the board will be made to the members of the church in the form of an address by one of the mission board workers. Rev. Mr. Oleson, superintendent of the board, was designated to fulfill that office this year. Next week the entire Christmas Sunday offering at the church services will go towards the work of the board, and Rev. A. E. Elmer, associate pastor of Central Union, said last night that in spite of the many present demands on the pockets of the church members this year, a large offering was anticipated.

### Address by Mr. Oleson

Rev. Mr. Oleson's address follows: "Ninety-five years ago a sailing vessel arrived off the coast of Kona, bringing the pioneer missionaries to Hawaii. That was sixteen years before Whitman found Oregon. It was twenty-nine years before the first missionaries came to California. It was thirty years before responsible government was established in the Hawaiian Islands. It was thirty-four years before Japan, according to the request of Commodore Perry, opened its ports to Western nations. "The arrival of the missionaries in Hawaii, therefore, may well be spoken of as one of the most significant events in the history of this great waterway. For that antedated many of the momentous events in that history, and in time led to the creation of a Christian community, with the customary institutions and safeguards of a Christian civilization, when there was no similar expression of such civilization anywhere else on the shores of this vast sea.

### How Project Was Conceived

An event of such significance ought to be suitably commemorated. In the year 1899 two Hawaiian ministers, delegates to the International Council, then in session in Boston, made a pilgrimage to Plymouth. For a long time they sat in silence before the famous monument to the Pilgrim Fathers. Then one said to the other: "What are you thinking about?" "I'm thinking," said the other, "that we ought to have a monument like that for the missionary fathers to Hawaii." "And that," said the first, "was what I was thinking, too." And then and there those two Hawaiian ministers, still alive and prominent in the work of the church in Hawaii, resolved to start a campaign for the raising of funds for an enduring monument to the missionaries who had brought the gospel of Christ to these islands.

"In five years more we shall celebrate the centennial anniversary of the arrival in these islands of the first missionaries. What shall be the form of the monument that shall suitably commemorate that event?

### Comeliness and Utility Necessary

"Manifestly, it should possess both comeliness and utility. Its aspect should be dignified and beautiful as a fitting expression of our esteem for the heroic self-denial and fruitful service of those devoted men and women. But out of regard for those plain, unostentatious servants of God, we well know that a monument to them should be a fitting expression of our esteem for the heroic self-denial and fruitful service of those devoted men and women. But out of regard for those plain, unostentatious servants of God, we well know that a monument to them should be a fitting expression of our esteem for the heroic self-denial and fruitful service of those devoted men and women.

"Those men organized the Hawaiian Board. They thus gave concrete expression to their wish and purpose to provide an evangelizing agency that should live on after they had gone, and that should do for other men after them what they had loved to do for men while they were living among them.

"What better monument could there be than something through which the Hawaiian Board, organized by them, could best do the work for which they had created it?

"And what could that something be better than to house that board in a building suited to its actual needs in its work of pressing the evangelism of the fathers among the people of today? Site and Fund Meticulously Discussed

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clency in the future. Thus one notable commemoration of the approaching centennial anniversary will have been provided for.

"But that anniversary will likewise be a summons all through these intervening years to other large givers of money as tributes to the memory of the missionary fathers and mothers. With statesmanlike prevision the missionaries established educational institutions which have had, and still have, a pronounced influence in the uplift of the entire island community. Several of these institutions, and others that have been evolved from them, are fairly well endowed, while a few yet need generous additions to their funds and equipment.

### One Further Tribute

"During the next five years, each of these schools should be well equipped and well endowed. It would form one of the most appropriate features of the centennial anniversary of the arrival of the first missionaries, if the proclamation could then go forth that through the munificence of men and women of large means, every one of these schools had been placed on an enduring foundation.

"There remains certainly one further tribute to the men and women who wrought so well in the past. What a worthy tribute it would be if the work that the missionaries inaugurated here, and which is now being carried forward by the Hawaiian Board, were to be heartily adopted by every individual member of this church, and of all other churches.

"It was once the case that every one gave to this mission work among us, and they did so because they recognized that it was their work, that it had a primary claim on their benevolence, that it would in some measure fall of its end if it did not have the support of their prayers and their gifts. And in no more effective way could the memory of the workers of the past be honored among us, than by a splendid rallying of all the individual members of our churches to a renewed personal loyalty to this inherited obligation.

"The hand of the past is on the present evangelism of the Hawaiian Board. It is a hand of perpetuated power. The present work of the board can only be done were it not for the steady impulse that comes to it from the funds created by those who passed on.

"But we want the hand of the present on this work likewise, and in an increasingly generous measure. And the finest tribute possible to missionary memory would be to have the hand of the present clasp, in inviolable, but none the less real, fellowship, the hand of the past in giving larger impetus to this work of bringing in God's Kingdom in Hawaii.

"For we do not honor the fathers wisely or well unless we keep ever in mind that what they did, they did as unto God, that to them it was supremely not their work, but God's, that was laid upon them. We honor them best then when we align ourselves personally with others about us in pressing the Christian evangelism of Hawaii as an obligation laid upon us, in the Providence of God, even as it was, in their day laid upon them. There ought to be the widest possible participation in this mission work. Already we have under way an Every Member Campaign, that last year increased the gifts to the board nearly \$2000. This is a campaign that seeks to enlist the interest and aid of every member of every one of our churches and congregations. The response has been encouraging, but we feel the need of pressing for a still wider participation in this good work.

"We want every individual among us to feel that he has a share in the obligation to sustain the work of evangelizing Hawaii. We want every individual to do his part in the furtherance of this work; for we need the avowed interest and prayers and gifts of the largest possible number.

A Work Worth While

"The income from the fund which will provide for part of the work that falls to the Hawaiian Board to do. The generous gifts of a few individual donors will also provide for part of the work; but how shall the rest of what needs to be done be provided for unless the great majority join hands in this good work with such gifts as under God's call they are able to give?

"Your wider participation in sustaining by your prayers and your gifts the work of the Hawaiian Board is earnestly solicited because it is a work that is worth while. It is a work that seeks to help men and women at the very center of their being. It aims to regenerate men. It aims to multiply the number of individual units in the community that shall project into all their relations with other men the principles and the spirit of Jesus Christ. It aims to impart to men a vital faith in God, so that their present refuge and strength. It undertakes to do this work through the churches and mission stations which it sustains; through the social settlements which it aids; the religious publications which it circulates;

## NEW BATTLESHIPS PRAISED ABROAD

High praise is paid, the American battleship design, as exemplified by the last seven battleships built to building in the latest number of "The Navy," the official organ of the British Navy League. This praise is the most remarkable in that it is authoritative. The writer is the well known British naval expert, Maurice Prendergast, who shares with another Englishman, John Jellicoe, the annual honor of "The Navy," the reputation of being the world's authority on naval matters.

The British which the British writer says is so remarkable that the American Navy League has decided to have many thousand copies of the magazine published and sent broadcast to the United States about the first of the coming year.

Great Ships Ahead

In part, Mr. Prendergast says: "The power of the American Navy, as shown by the design of the new battleships, is a matter of size. The American ships will probably be the largest of any years after their completion. During the past ten years the design of the American battleships has displayed a remarkable standard of excellence. It was clearly recognized in the very first United States dreadnoughts that plain broadside was not of mere practical value but also heavy and on fire at odd angles. After all, the American plan had to be finally adopted.

New Armor Ideas

"Perhaps the most interesting point in the armament of these ships. The methods of protecting warships by armor has saved too much of the old-fashioned practice of armor plating. The American designers have boldly declared for the thickest armor of iron. If armor cannot withstand the attack of heavy ordnance, it is better to have no armor at all, and to devote the weight to some other purpose or for extending the area of really thick and useful protection.

"The conventional six-inch plate for a six-inch gun, six-inch armor for a six-inch gun, etc., like the procession of armaments made by Noah in the Ark, they consider futile. Such armor merely assists in the detonation of the explosive shells which would pass through ordinary plating without meeting enough resistance to burst. The new armor is a thick, four-inch thickness of steel. The water line is protected by a belt of four-inch thickness, which extends for some distance beyond the end of the hull, and is closed by a half-inch of steel. Nearly the whole of this belt is seven feet and a half deep, nine feet of its vertical depth being above the water line, and eight feet below the water line. But near the stern there is a jog and the belt extends from the water line only for the same depth below as in the rest of the hull.

### Styles "Nevada" Class

"These new American ships are developed from the Nevada class. Both the Nevada and our own Queen Elizabeth were designed at the same time, and numerous points of marked resemblance between them seem to raise the similarity above the field of vulgar coincidences. For instance, of design the American ships are faceted, the striking contrast to some of the British ships, whose minor details seem to have been shrouded on just what they will fit as a sort of afterthought. The difference amounts to the neat tier storage of the boats on the American ships and the clumsy, saw-hoof arrangements of the German Navy. American designs have not been feared in the staid clutches of secrecy, straight and honest criticism has gone far in the production of some of the best warships afloat. As a contrast, in that lingering pain did the German mountains of secrecy labor and produce a New Tactical Groups

"The seven new ships are intended to form a tactical group with the earlier ships of the Nevada type. All the ships are so designed as to have the same areas of fire for the four-inch guns, equal speed, and the same tactical diameter or turning radius. It would appear that the whole group will finally comprise ten ships, the Nevada, Oklahoma, (ten-fourteen-inch guns); Pennsylvania, Arizona, California, Idaho, and Mississippi (twelve fourteen-inch guns); totalling eighty-fourteen-inch weapons. Since the principal tactical features of these vessels have been standardized, they will form the most powerful and homogeneous squadron of superdreadnoughts in existence on the completion of the last in 1918."

Making her maiden voyage, the steamer Ohio arrived in San Francisco via the Panama Canal on December 5. The Ohio is the latest vessel built by the American Hawaiian Company, and her hoisting apparatus and other appliances are said to be the best work in modern lighter construction.

COPENHAGEN, November 30.—A traveler of a neutral nation, who arrived here from Munich and Nuremberg, reports that at a moving picture theater in Munich he saw a man arrested because he shouted "Down with the Kaiser!" when some patriotic pictures were shown. In Nuremberg a picture entitled "Long Live Our Army" was missed. The audience shouted "We want peace! We want peace!"

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